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SENATOR WHITNEY: Read the amendments.

CLERK: read amendments to LB432

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President I move that this amendment be adopted. This amendment becomes the whole bill. Now I'd like to suggest I worked this amendment out with the Administrator of the School for the Deaf in Omaha, Dr. George Thompson. And it is simply to provide services for the acoustically handicapped. That's Scottsbluff, and it would be in the Hiram Scott College. It would be for the preschool and primary level students. Under the direction of the Nebraska School for the Deaf. Now this school for the Deaf in Omaha is under the State Department of Education. And that's the reason for writing this way in the bill. Now it's intended to give full time instruction to at least ten highly acoustically handicapped children. And then it is also to take care of all acoustically handicapped children to help them out in the public schools of western Nebraska. Now I've talked with Dr. Kleis they are going to occupy the eastern portion of this Library Science building for the agricultural experiment station work, and agricultural extension. And he said that this will not conflict in any way with their program there at Hiram Scott. I talked with Dr. Varner, the President of the University of Nebraska, and he said that this is of such high priority that they would make room for this in Hiram Scott College. Now the point is, that this Legislature has accepted Hiram Scott and we are directing the University of Nebraska to make use of it. And this is a way, this is a need, we've got to, in my judgement to provide specialized education for these young boys and girls. Now these boys and girls in preschool and in the primary school are brilliant boys and girls, just like any other children in any other school in the state and their only handicap in many cases is just that they can't hear. And so we deserve, as a Legislative body we must make it possible for people to have this kind of training. We've got a lot of catching to do. A lot of these boys and girls have just gone to these schools and sat there and couldn't get the proper instruction. And they are way behind in their school work right now. And so therefore we've got to provide this kind of a training. So here is a need, here is a way of using Hiram Scott College. And I move this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis, and then Senator Fowler.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, will Senator Whitney yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Will Senator Whitney yield?

SENATOR LEWIS: You know I supported the bill earlier, and still do. But in talking to the officials at the State Department over there. Particularly not about those students that are going to be full time because that's clear cut in my judgement. But how is this going to coordinate in particularly in regard to funding with the 403, Senator

SENATOR WHITNEY: This bill, of course would go into affect the 1st of October of next year. LB403 may not be in a fact for this kind of thing for considerable long period than that away from now. And I feel therefore, since we need this right now that this is the thing to do and that it would serve as a pilot project which in turn then could help in determining